

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1, 2, and 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,515,181 to Iyoda et al. ("Iyoda").

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iyoda in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,771,396 B1 to Cheatle et al. ("Cheatle").

**Amendments**

The Abstract is amended to change the language to which the Examiner objected.

Claim 1 is amended to require that the scanning mechanism moves an image forming portion, *e.g.*, lens, so as to change the position of the image forming portion **relative** to the photoelectrically converting device. Moving only the image forming portion is advantageous in that it may reduce perspective distortions and is conducive to designing a small, simple, and efficient scanning mechanism. In contrast, Iyoda clearly teaches that optical means 13 and solid-state imaging device 15 are mounted together in vertical movable housing 11. *See* Fig. 10 and column 4, lines 12-40. Because optical means 13 and solid state imaging device 15 are mounted to housing 11, they cannot move **relative** to each other. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Iyoda is distinguished by claim 1.

Claims 5 and 9 are amended to contain features analogous to the features of amended claim 1. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that Iyoda is also distinguished by claims 5 and 9.

Claim 8 is amended to correct a grammatical error.

These changes do not introduce any new matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

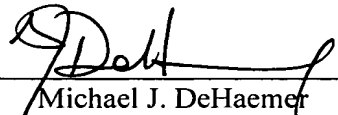
This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, increases the total number of claims by 9 from 11 to 20, but does not present any multiple dependency claims.

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